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BORN TO KILL
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ZAP
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HEALED OR CONDEMNED
50 YEARS OF WAR ON DRUGS
HOW THE PROHIBITION ENCOURAGES THE CONSUMPTION
EQUAL RIGHTS
GET OUT OF VIETNAM NOW
LOVE NOT WAR
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT JOINS THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.
IN 1971 NIXON DECLARES DRUGS TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT PUBLIC ENEMY.
THIS IS HOW A WAR THAT TODAY SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE BEGINS.
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DUFF!
WITH EACH MANDATE THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS INCREASES.
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PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
AND THE PRISONS BECOME AN INDUSTRY IN THE U.S.
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330,000 PRISONERS
2,3 MILLION PRISONERS
1970
2012

IN ORDER TO FIGHT THE COCAINE TRAFFICKING GUERRILLA, BUSH AND CLINTON GAVE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE LOCAL TROOPS.
PLAN COLOMBIA
1998-2008
MÉRIDA INITIATIVE
FROM 2008
IN MEXICO, THE U.S. INVESTED MORE THAN 1 BILLION DOLLARS TO ANNIHILATE THE DRUG CARTELS.
THE U.S. FUND MILITARY OPERATIONS IN NICARAGUA THROUGH THE INTERLOPER GENERAL NORIEGA.
IN THE '80
OPERATION JUST CAUSE
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AFGHAN ATTACKS
IN SPITE OF THE EFFORTS FOR ERADICATION, AFGHANISTAN STILL PRODUCES 80% OF THE WORLD'S HEROIN.
THE AMERICAN OPERATIONS HAVE DESTABILIZING EFFECTS IN THE COUNTRIES WHERE THEY ARE TAKING PLACE. THEY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIMES, THE PRODUCTION, AND THE CONSUMPTION OF DRUGS.

THE AFGHANISTAN WAR DETERMINED LOCAL FARMERS TO SEEK HELP FROM THE TALIBAN. THE POPPY IS THEIR ONLY SOURCE OF REVENUE AND A TARGET FOR THE AMERICANS.

THE SAME HAPPENED IN COLOMBIA WHERE THE POISONING OF THE COCAINE CULTURES DESTROYED THE FARMERS' LIVELIHOOD. AFTER THE INTERVENTION, THE NUMBER OF STATES PRODUCING COCAINE WENT FROM 8 TO 24.

THE U.S. HAS THE BIGGEST NUMBER OF PRISONERS IN HISTORY (HALF OF THEM ARRESTED FOR DRUG RELATED CRIMES) AND IS STILL THE BIGGEST CONSUMER OF DRUGS ON EARTH, DESPITE ITS HARSH POLICIES.

MEANWHILE

STARTING IN THE '80s, IN SWITZERLAND THERE IS A SPEEDY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS.

BETWEEN 1987 AND 1992, IN ORDER TO ISOLATE THE PHENOMENON, AUTHORITIES ALLOWED THE SELLING AND CONSUMPTION OF DRUGS IN WHAT BECAME ZURICH'S

NEEDLE PARK

THINGS GOT RAPIDLY OUT OF CONTROL!

AROUND 20,000 PEOPLE COMMITTED CRIMES TO AFFORD THEIR DRUG RELATED EXPENSES.

THAT'S THE MOMENT WHEN SWITZERLAND TAKES AN INNOVATIVE MEASURE.

THE 4 PILLAR STRATEGY

THAT CAN BE TREATED THROUGH: PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND HARM REDUCTION ALONGSIDE OTHER MEASURES, SUCH AS ...

THE SWISS APPROACH ADDICTION AS A HEALTH ISSUE...

ADDICTION

STERILE AND FREE **SYRINGES** TO PREVENT THE SPREADING OF H.I.V. AND HEPATITIS.

DRUG CONSUMPTION **ROOMS**

ENSURING RELOCATION FROM THE STREETS, A SAFE AND SANITARY ENVIRONMENT AND THE PREVENTION OF DEATH BY OVERDOSE.

TREATMENT WITH METHADONE & MEDICAL HEROIN

REDUCES THE DELINQUENCY AND IMPROVES THE SOCIAL AND HEALTH SITUATION.

THE **COLLABORATION** BETWEEN THE SOCIAL WORKERS & POLICE

THE CAMPAIGN COULD NOT HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE AUTHORITIES, DOCTORS (60% OF WHICH CAME FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR), NGOs AND THE LAW ENFORCERS SUPPORTED BY THE SOCIETY.

RESULTS

THE NUMBER OF NEW INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS HAS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

THE DRUG RELATED CRIMES HAVE DECREASED BY **90%**.

THE MAJORITY OF INTRAVENOUS DRUG USERS ARE IN TREATMENT.

IN PORTUGAL

IF YOU'RE CAUGHT WITH MORE THAN THE LEGAL DOSE ...

THE POLICE TAKE YOU TO ONE OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEES,

WHERE A TEAM OF SPECIALISTS ASSESSES YOUR CASE.

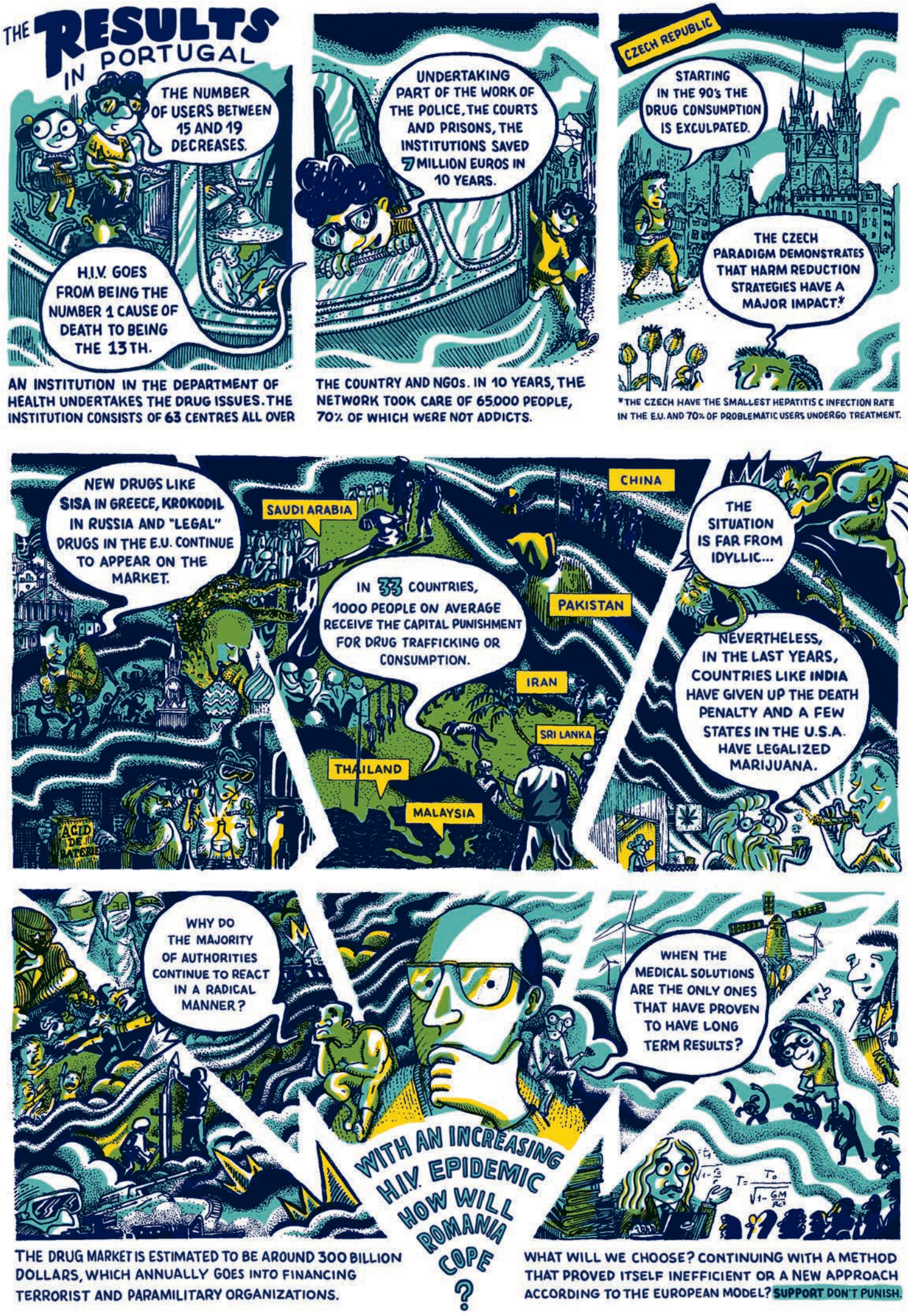
PSYCHOLOGIST

DOCTOR

SOCIAL WORKER

LAWYER

IN 2000, THE PARLIAMENT EXCULPATES THE DRUG CONSUMPTION AND CHOOSES TO TRANSFER ITS RESOURCES FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. THE CONSUMPTION IS TREATED AS A DISEASE, NOT AS A CRIME, THUS REDUCING THE LEGAL HASSLES AND JAIL EXPENSES.


THE RESULTS IN PORTUGAL
THE NUMBER OF USERS BETWEEN 15 AND 19 DECREASES.
H.I.V. GOES FROM BEING THE NUMBER 1 CAUSE OF DEATH TO BEING THE 13TH.
AN INSTITUTION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UNDERTAKES THE DRUG ISSUES. THE INSTITUTION CONSISTS OF 63 CENTRES ALL OVER
UNDERTAKING PART OF THE WORK OF THE POLICE, THE COURTS AND PRISONS, THE INSTITUTIONS SAVED 7 MILLION EUROS IN 10 YEARS.
THE COUNTRY AND NGOs. IN 10 YEARS, THE NETWORK TOOK CARE OF 65,000 PEOPLE, 70% OF WHICH WERE NOT ADDICTS.
CZECH REPUBLIC
STARTING IN THE 90's THE DRUG CONSUMPTION IS EXCULPATED.
THE CZECH PARADIGM DEMONSTRATES THAT HARM REDUCTION STRATEGIES HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT.*
*THE CZECH HAVE THE SMALLEST HEPATITIS C INFECTION RATE IN THE E.U. AND 70% OF PROBLEMATIC USERS UNDERGO TREATMENT.
NEW DRUGS LIKE SISA IN GREECE, KROKODIL IN RUSSIA AND "LEGAL" DRUGS IN THE E.U. CONTINUE TO APPEAR ON THE MARKET.
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SAUDI ARABIA
IN 33 COUNTRIES, 1000 PEOPLE ON AVERAGE RECEIVE THE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING OR CONSUMPTION.
CHINA
PAKISTAN
IRAN
SRI LANKA
THAILAND
MALAYSIA
THE SITUATION IS FAR FROM IDYLLIC...
NEVERTHELESS, IN THE LAST YEARS, COUNTRIES LIKE INDIA HAVE GIVEN UP THE DEATH PENALTY AND A FEW STATES IN THE U.S.A. HAVE LEGALIZED MARIJUANA.
WHY DO THE MAJORITY OF AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO REACT IN A RADICAL MANNER?
WITH AN INCREASING H.I.V. EPIDEMIC HOW WILL ROMANIA COPE ?
WHEN THE MEDICAL SOLUTIONS ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT HAVE PROVEN TO HAVE LONG TERM RESULTS?
THE DRUG MARKET IS ESTIMATED TO BE AROUND 300 BILLION DOLLARS, WHICH ANNUALLY GOES INTO FINANCING TERRORIST AND PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.
WHAT WILL WE CHOOSE? CONTINUING WITH A METHOD THAT PROVED ITSELF INEFFICIENT OR A NEW APPROACH ACCORDING TO THE EUROPEAN MODEL? SUPPORT DON'T PUNISH.

THE STORY OF H.I.V. IN ROMANIA

At the beginning of **2000**'s the first syringe exchange program in Bucharest came into existence. Until **2004**, the program was developed in **BUCHAREST, TIMISOARA** and **CONSTANTA**.

In **2002**, the Romanian Harm **Reduction Network** was created, in order to facilitate the exchange of experience in this new and controversial domain.

PEOPLE have negative reactions to the phrase " SYRINGE EXCHANGE ":

The police officers showed their disapproval towards the social workers, but they couldn't arrest them, since the **PROGRAM** was approved by the **AUTHORITIES**.

Even today, some pharmacies refuse to sell syringes. Therefore, many drug users who didn't know about the syringe exchange program were forced to use the same syringe.

Individuals did not understand that drug addiction is a **CHRONIC DISEASE** which is beyond one's **WILL** and that there are many additional **RISKS**, such as **HEPATITIS** and **HIV** infections, **OVERDOSE** and petty **CRIMES** committed in order to buy drugs.

7 OUT OF 10 USERS WERE INFECTED WITH HEPATITIS C

After 2004, the syringe exchange programs had covered all **BUCHAREST** in its entirety. Over **5000** heroin users had received clean **SYRINGES** and had given back **USED ONES**.

In 2009, there were roughly 9000 beneficiaries and approximately **1.7** million distributed syringes.
The police finally realized that this program decreases the infection risk and that it helps the communities.

THERE IS NO MORE MONEY FOR TREATMENT

All these programs had been put into place through international funds. In 2010, the funding started to diminish. It coincided with the moment **HEROIN** was replaced by **LEGAL** drugs (aka new psychoactive drugs).
The heroin was of poor quality and there were few treatment centers. Many heroin users thought that they could cure themselves by replacing it with **SPECIAL GOLD** (mephedrone) or **PURE BY MAGIC**.

Others were simply searching for stronger sensations. And some thought that because they were **LEGAL**, the new drugs were less **DANGEROUS** than the heroin available on the local market. They were all tragically wrong.

LEGAL DRUGS CHANGED EVERYTHING

THE NUMBER OF INJECTIONS INCREASED

The **USERS** were unrecognizable: they lost a lot of weight, they were delirious, they carried knives to defend themselves against the police and **IMAGINARY ENEMIES.**

MENTAL DISORDERS EMERGED

The **DOCTORS** were nostalgic about the time when they treated the users for heroin consumption: they knew how to treat them and how to **CONTROL** their withdrawal symptoms. There's no treatment for legal drugs, only agony until the effects subside.

VIOLENCE AND CRIMES INCREASED

Many died of exhaustion and attacks.

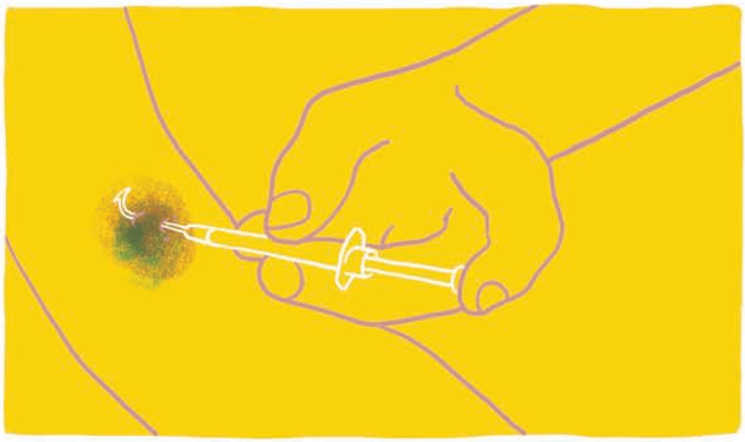
HIV SPREAD AT AN INCREASING SPEED.

A study from 2012 shows that there is a possibility that half of intravenous drug users in Bucharest are **HIV** positive. That's roughly↓

OFFICIAL DATA SHOWS THAT 9 OUT OF 10 DRUG USERS ARE INFECTED WITH HEPATITIS C

IN 2013 THE SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS ALMOST DISAPPEARED.

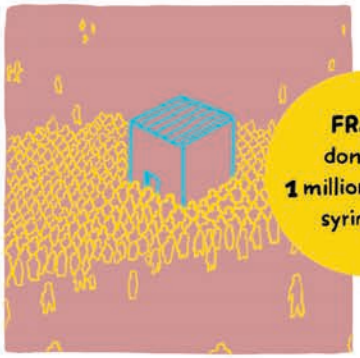
The funding almost vanished completely. Only **2** out of **6** organizations still exchanged syringes regularly. The situation was critical.



The National Antidrug Agency had bought **800000** Turkish syringes, but the patients refused them because they had faulty needles that tore and damaged the veins worse than the used syringes.

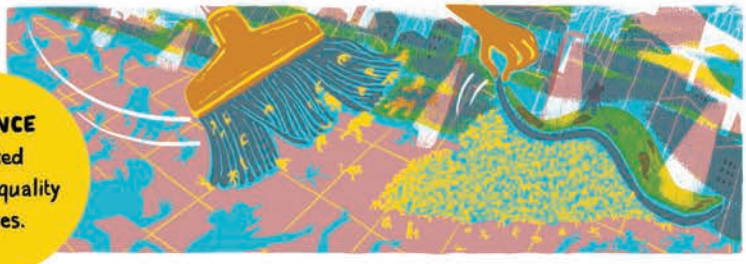
PROTEST

The **NGO**s and the drug users got together and organized a protest asking the **Ministry of Health** to take urgent measures. It was the first time that drug users took to the streets to fight for their lives.



FRANCE donated **1** million quality syringes.

The Ministry of Health offered **250000** syringes that were distributed during 3 months. In October that year the City Hall approved a syringe exchange program run by a local NGO.



Because of the public procurement laws, the authorities are compelled to accept the cheapest offer. But the cheap syringes are too lousy to be used. The procurement is thus blocked and the users are forced to use old syringes or to share them. The result is the spreading of **HIV**.

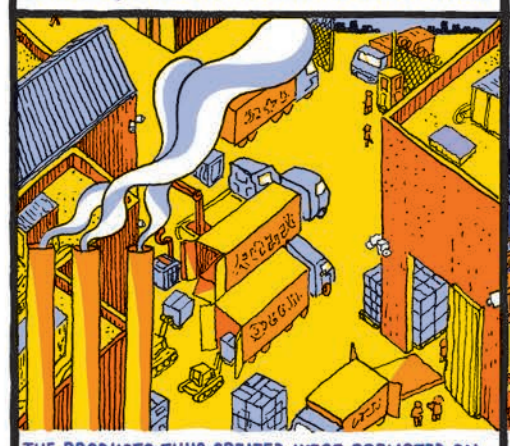
THE FASTEST WAY TO SPREAD **H.I.V.** IS TO STOP FINANCING THE **HARM REDUCTION PROGRAMS**

SOMEWHERE, AT THE LEGAL FRONTIER OF REALITY,
Legal HIGHS
BETWEEN PHARMACEUTICS AND TOURISM
A BRAND NEW LABORIOUS INDUSTRY IS THRIVING...
SSSCRRR

THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF NEW SUBSTANCES WITH PSYCHOACTIVE PROPERTIES, AKA LEGAL DRUGS OR ETHNOBOTANICALS, EXPLODED ON THE ROMANIAN MARKET IN 2008.

MOST OF THE TIME, THE MIXTURE OF CHEMICAL POWDERS AND PLANT EXTRACTS WAS CONCOCTED IN CHINA, ACCORDING TO RECIPES DEVISED BY UNTRACEABLE PRODUCERS.

THE LEGAL DRUGS MIMIC THE EFFECTS OF THE ILLEGAL ONES; REPLACING CERTAIN ELEMENTS IN THE FORMULA OFTEN RESULTS IN TOXIC CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS.



THE PRODUCTS THUS CREATED WERE PROMOTED ONLINE AND OFFLINE, THROUGH THE USE OF ONE IRONICALLY DECEPTIVE WARNING: "NOT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION."

THE LEGAL DRUGS BECAME SURPRISINGLY POPULAR AMONG PEOPLE WITH AGES BETWEEN 11 AND 40, COMING FROM ALL THE SOCIAL CATEGORIES.

TILL 2012, LEGAL DRUGS LEAD NUMEROUS ADVENTURERS TO THE PEAKS OF THEIR PSYCHOTROPIC EXPLORATIONS.

A WHILE BACK I USED TO BE A Scout SPECIALIZED IN LEGAL HIGHS.
I HAD STUDIED 'EM ALL
FROM QUIRKY DOSES AND BRANDS,
TO TRIPPY MIXES OF POWDERS AND BIZARRE EFFECTS.
FRIENDS, ACQUAINTANCES AND EVEN STRANGERS CAME BY TO GET MY EXPERT OPINION.
AS SOON AS SOMETHING NEW WAS ON THE MARKET, THEY'D RUN OVER TO MY CRIB.
JIMI HENDRIX
HAHAHA...
...I COULDN'T EVEN.
LIKE REALLY...
SLURP
26 DOLLARS IN MY HAND I'M WAITIN' FOR MY MAN
BACK IN 2011, 8 OF US HAD GATHERED ROUND AT MY PLACE...
...SO IT GOES...
HEY WHITE BOY WHAT YOU DOING
SO, WHEN'RE YOU GONNA PAY ME BACK?
BOB
WHAT THE FUCK'S WRONG WITH YOU?! I TOLD YOU I'M BROKE!
JOHN
FATSO
ANA
MIA
THE GUYS FIGHT A LOT WHEN THEY'RE SOBER...
THEY NEED SOMETHING FAST... HAHAHA!
BRO' I REALLY DON'T KNOW
YOU ALWAYS FORGET TO PAY BACK!
GUYS, CHILL OUT!
GLUE
ROOSTER
TADAAAM!!! I GOT THE MAGIC STUFF!
HEY!
YO! MY MAN!
THE SPY
WE'RE SAVED!!!...
HEHEHE!!!

THIS SHIT'S STRAIGHT FROM MAO'S LAND!
IT'S FROM THE SHOP...
COOL!
A NEW SPICE SHOP'S JUST OPENED, WANNA GO?
LEMME SEE!!!
HOPE IT AIN'T JUNK LIKE THE LAST TIME!
Special GOLD
NEVER A FROWN WITH GOLD
EVERY TIME, JUST LIKE TH
SNORR
TAKES BOTH MY HANDS, NEV
IT BURNS A LITTLE...
REALLY?
FLASH!
MAN!!!
EXCITATION
HALLUCINATIONS
EMPATHY
PANIC
TALKATIVENESS
EUPHORIA

DRUGS IS MONEY, MAN! HAND IT OVER TO DADDY...
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HUH?
I'M SOOO DIZZY...
BRO, YOU KNOW THAT IF I'VE GOT STUFF I ALWAYS SHARE.
WHY THE HELL DO YOU TAKE STUFF IF YOU'RE FULL OF DEBTS'N'SHIT?!
HEY!
C'MON EVERYBODY! SHOW ME THE MONEY!...
IT'S BEEN A MONTH... I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN
COOL HAT...
YO! LETS TAKE ANOTHER ONE...
CHILL MAN
WE'RE LEAVING, WHO'S COMING ALONG?
I'M GOING WITH THE GUYS...
JOHN'S FLIPPIN' WASTED.
HASTA LA VISTA!
DON'T BE SAD HOM
GET SOME WATER!!
JUST A JUNK
DON'T GET A
TILL BOB SHOWS UP, LETS MIX SOME STUFF...
WHAT THE HELL'S TAKIN'EM SO
HAVE SOME WITHOUT 'EM
IT'S ALRIGHT, YOU CAN USE MINE.
ARE YOU SURE IT'S O.K.?
WTF, DON'T YOU TRUST HIM?!
GUYS, I DON'T HAVE A NEEDLE.
DUDE...I DON'T USE IT WITH EVERYBODY...
WATCH OUT, HE'S H.I.V. POSITIVE!
YO! MAN, DON'T FREAK 'EM OUT!
YOU KNOW YOU DON'T HAVE TO...
YEAH, I KNOW... I WANNA TRY!
POLICE !!!
WHAT'S COOKIN'?!
YOU'VE BEEN BUSY...
IT TOOK YOU A WHILE TO GET HERE.
YOU COULDN'T WAIT
WHA
DING
UUOOO
GREAT... IT'S LIKE A ZOO IN HERE!

YOU GUYS SHOULD JOIN THE CIRCUS!!!
NINOOONIIIINOOONIIIII
SSIRENSSS
GLUEY! C'MON, LET GOOO!
NIIINOO
GLUE, SNAP OUT OF IT!
THE POLICE!!!
AAARRRAAA
THIIIIIRSSSSTY!!!
C-C-CAN'T
WE MADE IT!!!
SPICE SHOP
C-C-CAN'T W-WAAALK...
SPICE
Shop
I AM THE PASSANGER!
YOU GUYS COMIN' IN ? STOP PISSING AROUND!
UHU!!!
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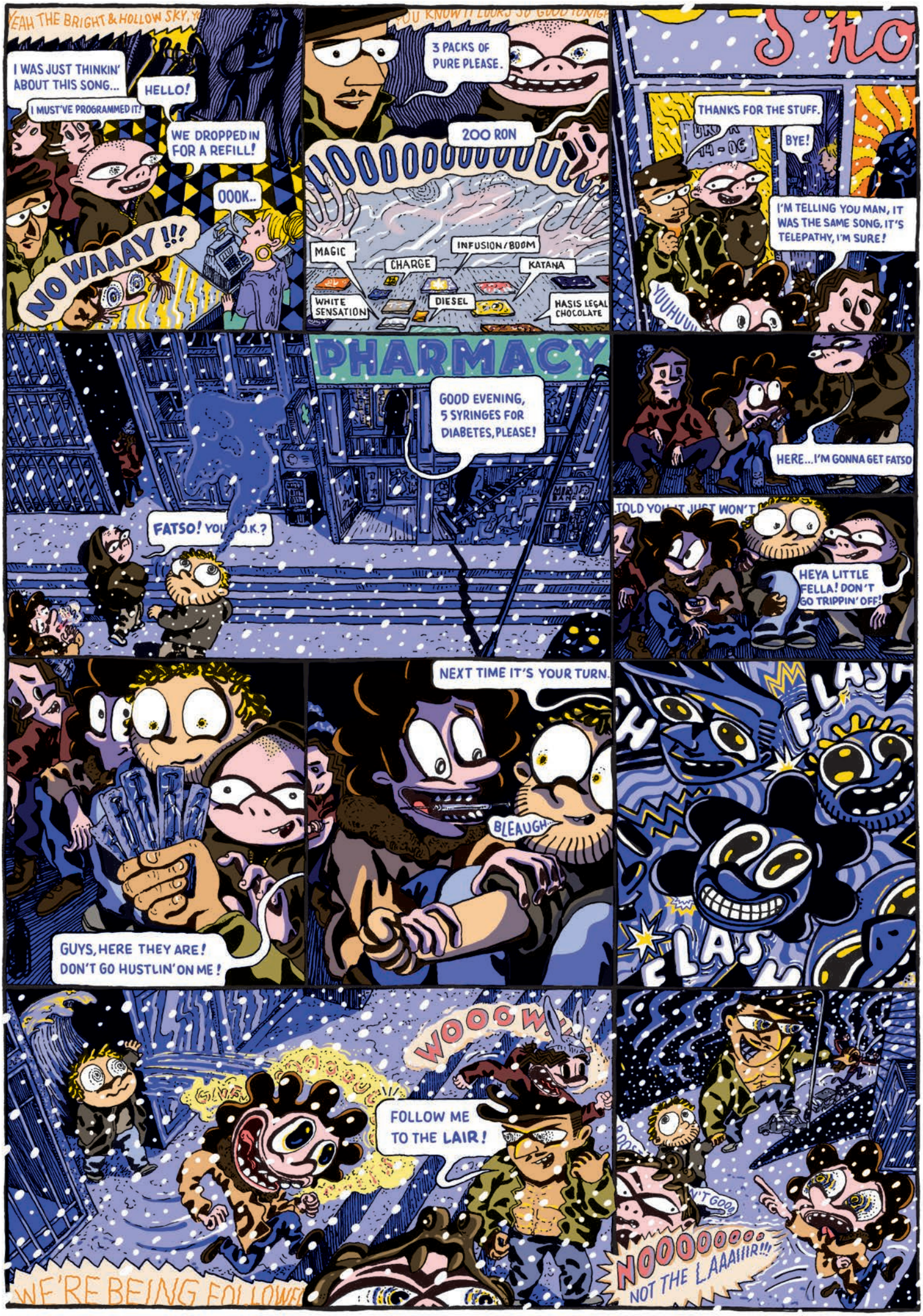
YEAH THE BRIGHT & HOLLOW SKY, Y
I WAS JUST THINKIN' ABOUT THIS SONG...
I MUST'VE PROGRAMMED IT!
HELLO!
WE DROPPED IN FOR A REFILL!
OOOK..
NO WAAAY !!!
3 PACKS OF PURE PLEASE.
200 RON
MAGIC
CHARGE
INFUSION/BOOM
KATANA
WHITE SENSATION
DIESEL
HASIS LEGAL CHOCOLATE
THANKS FOR THE STUFF.
BYE!
I'M TELLING YOU MAN, IT WAS THE SAME SONG, IT'S TELEPATHY, I'M SURE!
YUUHUU!
PHARMACY
GOOD EVENING, 5 SYRINGES FOR DIABETES, PLEASE!
FATSO! YOU O.K.?
HERE... I'M GONNA GET FATSO
HEYA LITTLE FELLA! DON'T GO TRIPPIN' OFF!
NEXT TIME IT'S YOUR TURN.
BLEAUGH...
GUYS, HERE THEY ARE! DON'T GO HUSTLIN' ON ME!
CLAS
WOOOW
FOLLOW ME TO THE LAIR!
WE'RE BEING FOLLOWE
NOOOOOOO NOT THE LAAAIIR!!!

OH MY! WHAT HAPPENED TO POOR OLD GLUEY? HAHAHAHA!
JIMI HENDRIX
I THOUGHT YOU GUYS'D NEVER RETURN...
HOLY SMOKES!
HERE WE ARE!
WE'RE BEING FOLL
THERE'S NO ESCAPE
HIHIHI!
HAHAHA!
CHEERS!
YOU GUYS ARE CRAZY!
LETS GET SOME MAGIC GOIN'!
TAKE SOME, YOU SCRATCH!
COUNT ME OUT!
NONE FOR ME!
AND MY DOSE?
HAHA!
HERE TAKE SCOUT'S
OH! BY THE WAY, WHERE'S ROOSTER?
DUNNO, HE TOOK OFF SHOUTING SOMETHIN'..
HE DID WHAT? & YOU LET HIM?!
WHAT AM I A NANNY?
I'LL CALL'EM!
ROOSTER WILL MANAGE, HE AIN'T A SCOUT FOR NOTHIN'
GUYS, THERE'S NO ANSWER!
YOU MORONS!!!
CALM DOWN!
I TOLD HIM NOT TO GO.
HE'S ALRIGHT, DON'T WORRY!
MEANWHILE
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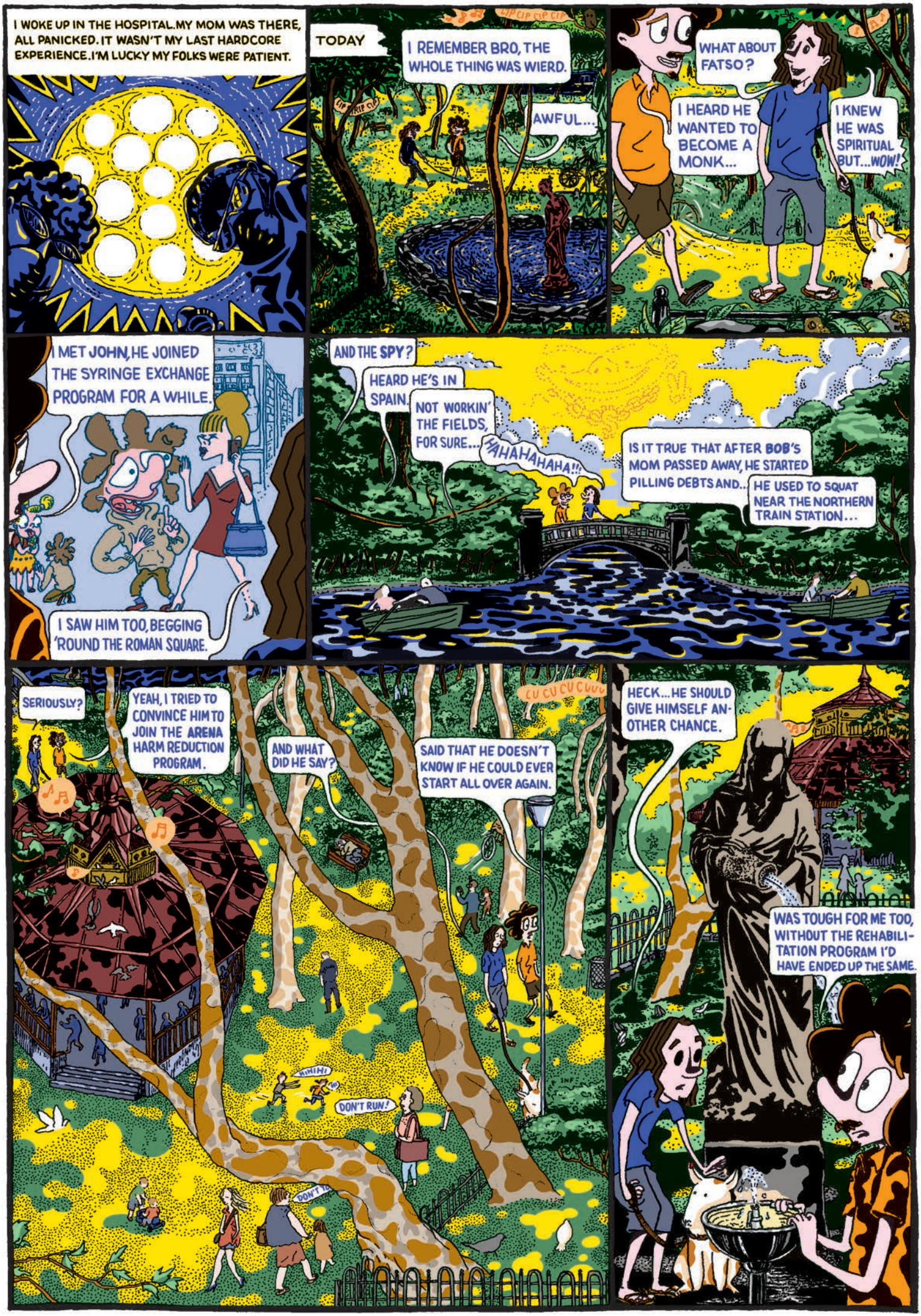
HELLO! EMERGENCY? THERE'S A NAKED YOUNG MAN LYING COLLAPSED OUTSIDE.


I WOKE UP IN THE HOSPITAL. MY MOM WAS THERE, ALL PANICKED. IT WASN'T MY LAST HARDCORE EXPERIENCE. I'M LUCKY MY FOLKS WERE PATIENT.
TODAY
I REMEMBER BRO, THE WHOLE THING WAS WIERD.
AWFUL...
WHAT ABOUT FATSO?
I HEARD HE WANTED TO BECOME A MONK...
I KNEW HE WAS SPIRITUAL BUT...WOW!
I MET JOHN, HE JOINED THE SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR A WHILE.
I SAW HIM TOO, BEGGING 'ROUND THE ROMAN SQUARE.
AND THE SPY?
HEARD HE'S IN SPAIN
NOT WORKIN' THE FIELDS, FOR SURE...
HAHAHAHAHA!!
IS IT TRUE THAT AFTER BOB'S MOM PASSED AWAY, HE STARTED PILLING DEBTS AND...
HE USED TO SQUAT NEAR THE NORTHERN TRAIN STATION...
SERIOUSLY?
YEAH, I TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM TO JOIN THE ARENA HARM REDUCTION PROGRAM.
AND WHAT DID HE SAY?
SAID THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW IF HE COULD EVER START ALL OVER AGAIN.
CU CU CU CUUU
HECK... HE SHOULD GIVE HIMSELF ANOTHER CHANCE.
WAS TOUGH FOR ME TOO, WITHOUT THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM I'D HAVE ENDED UP THE SAME.
HIHIHI
DON'T RUN!

1 By '95-'96 drugs appeared at our place. I was 7 or 8 years old. 2 My parents were using, the whole family was into drugs. The only one who didn't use drugs was my grandmother. 3 At that time, drugs were something cool. 4 When I was 16-17 years old, my mother was in prison for drug trafficking and my father for stealing. 5 It was a crossroad in my life. 6 Back in the 7th or 8th grade, I was in this world, I could see it, but it didn't tempt me. 7 Until I started to use heroin and that was it for me. 8 I felt like all my troubles were gone, that I could handle anything and that I didn't lack anything. 9 I tried legal drugs three or four times. A brother of mine died because of them. He was 23 years old. 10 He got so depressed that he hanged himself. 11 My father got HIV from using legal drugs while trying to give up heroin. Now he is in prison, where there's a hospital for HIV patients. 12 I was arrested too, for stealing, and then I stayed in Rahova prison, as a first time offender. 13 It was a spontaneous act. I grabbed a purse and ran. But the scream of that girl is deeply engraved in my memory. 14 I was in prison for my 18th birthday. 15 Since then I have been rehabilitated; I went to all the probation meetings and my charge sheet is clean. 16 But I still get stopped by the police on the street, for no reason. I guess I have a weird face. Sometimes cops abuse their position. 17 A couple of months ago, they beat to death a friend of mine, who was making a living in a parking lot downtown. 18 A while ago, Sven, a foreign photographer, came to the rehabilitation center. I accompanied him to the North Railway Station to take some pictures. A girl with a chroming bag approached us and some undercover policemen attacked us. They beat us pretty well and then Sven showed them his press identification card. 19 The law and order officers will smash you first and ask questions later. 20 Before getting married, I had a lot of friends that I was sharing drugs with. 21 I met my wife at my place. At that time, my uncle was selling drugs and she came by to get some. 22 She was turning tricks on the streets. She came to take her dose, but she never left. 23 We moved to Ferentari when she was still a prostitute. When we found out that she was pregnant and HIV positive, we started using methadone. 24 Three months after we met, we both stopped taking drugs. 25 Now I work in a warehouse from 7 in the morning until 10 in the evening, every other day. 26 It was difficult to be clean again. The treatment costs 3 euro a day. 27 Now we rent an apartment. My little brother comes and takes care of the baby. The baby's one and a half years old and she's healthy, maybe owing to the treatment. 28 We've got passports and we want to emigrate. A month before leaving the country, I will go to the Saint Stelian Hospital, for a detox cure.

In spite of everything, I was lucky. There are a lot of people who didn't have a place to go and get treatment, or that were expelled because they were HIV positive; it's a vicious circle and there are very few chances to get out of it. My father used to get treatment, but the center closed. He started dealing in order to sustain his drug use. Today he is where he is. Mia, Iulia and myself, we still have a chance.

TRAPPED iN BUCUREŞTI

13
I EITHER STEAL HER PURSE & BUY MY DRUGS OR I KILL MYSELF!
HEEEELP!!!
12
11
SPICE
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JOBS
26
NO
NO
NO
NO
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STOP
PAWN SHOP
SPICE
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HERO
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What is harm reduction?

Harm reduction is a pragmatic, non-judgmental approach to drugs and to people who use them. It does not require people to be drug-free but helps them to stay safer and healthier by providing them equipment (eg. clean needles) and information (eg. about how to inject safely).

Why do we need harm reduction?

Drug use can be risky. For example, by sharing needles people can get infected with HIV or hepatitis C, people can overdose on drugs or commit property crimes to get money for the next dose. Harm reduction programs prevent infections by distributing clean needles and syringes, prevent overdoses by distributing naloxone, the antidote of heroin, prevent crime and unmployment by providing drug dependent people with prescription drugs (such as methadone) that can substitute street drugs (such as heroin).

Why don't we just stop people using drugs?

Because not everybody is able or willing to stop drug use. Drug use is as old as human civilization and a drug-free society is an illusion. We can reduce the harms of drug use in a humane and effective way. Harm reduction programs also help drug users by referring them to drug-free treatment if they need it.

Why is punishment of drug users not the solution?

The punishment of people who use drugs is not only unjust but also creates more harm than good. It is unjust to punish someone for what he puts into her/his own body without harming others. Punishing people will not reduce drug use but it is very costly and it is damaging communities. We have evidence that in countries which have decriminalised drug use (that is, not punishing people for using drugs) lots of costs were saved and drug use did not increase.

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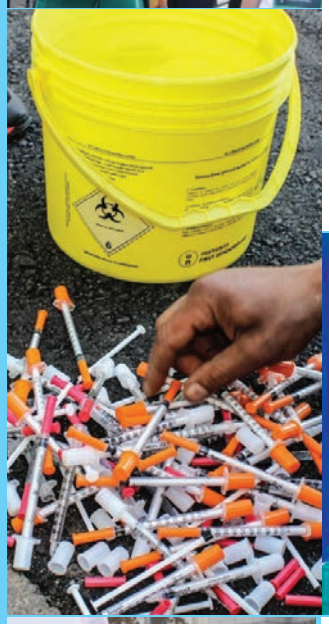

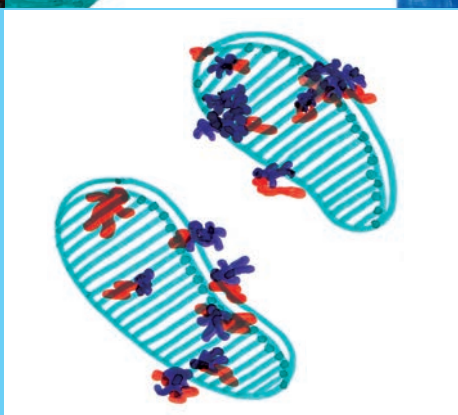

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I CHOSE NOT TO CHOSE LIFE
COLD TURKEY
ARENA
BAYER
Heroin
Heroin use is a highly ritualized behavior.
SPEEDBALL = cocaine + heroin (injected)
MOON ROCKS = coke + hero (smoked together)
COKE ↗ stimulent HERO ↘ DEPRESSANT
AICI NU E FARMACIE!
AFOST
PRIMA MEA DATĂ LA ARENA
MOTIVUL CERCETAȘULUI
SPIONU'
BILĂ
JONI
GRASU
LIPICĂ
COCOȘ
BANG!
FLASH!
ALTERNESS
EUPHORIA
EXCITMENT
URGE TO TALK
OPENNESS
SEX DRIVE
GREAȚĂ
AMEȚEALĂ
TRANSPIRAȚIE
TADAAAA!
Da, sunt... am ochi albaștri
14 ani
George
TOTAL PE DOS
carusel.org
MANA NOASTRĂ
E VINA NOASTRĂ, PERSONALĂ, NU E VINA ABSOLUT NIMĂNUI.
dar dacă noi am greșit și am fost nenorociți și încă suntem măcar să primim și noi NU O MÂNĂ DE AJUTOR, un DEGET de ajutor din partea statului.
Că la banii care se-nvârt și se duc pe prostii măcar un sfert din sfenturi să ne dea și nouă ăl ceo să PUTEM ȘI NOI SĂ NE LUĂM TRATAMENTUL, ȘĂ FIM OAMENI NORMALI. Că majoritatea care-și iau tratamentul trăiesc și muncesc, se ocupă de familie, nu mai recidivează în infracțiuni.
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